identified, on the basis of their performance in the All India Coordinated Research Projects, for release by the Central variety Release Committee.

(c) Chickpea varieties are superior in grain yield and have large seeds. One of these varieties, BDG 128, developed for central zone is kabuli and the other two, BGM 547and Phule G 9425-9, developed for North Western Plains Zone are *desi* types. BGM 547 is further identified for late sown conditions. Pigeonpea variety CORG 9701 has large seed with early maturity whereas NDA 98-1 is resistant to wilt and sterility mosaic diseases. Mungbean variety HUM 16 has large seeds and suitable for summar cultivation after harvest of wheat as it matures in 60 days whereas NDM 97-1 has better seed size and resistance to yellow mosaic virus disease. Lentil variety VL Masoor 507 has large seed size resistance to rust. Fieldpea variety IPFD 1-10 has short duration and escapes terminal drought. Variety of cowpea, Co Vu-702, has bold grains and is specifically suited to southern States. Mothbean variety, CAZRI Moth-3 and Horsegram variety AK-42 are suitable for arid zone.

Flood/drought assistance to States

f309. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the loss of life and property due to floods and droughts that hit different parts of the country recently, State-wise;

(b) the amount of financial aid provided by Government, State-wise;

(c) whether Government scrutinize the expenditure of money provided to States to prevent floods; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) No Memorandum for assistance for drought in the wake of South-West Monsoon, 2005 has been received from any State Government. Jharkhand has, however, declared drought in 22 Districts while Government of Andhra Pradesh have also notified continued drought conditions in 644 Mandals. The extent of loss, if any, have so far not been reported by these States.

Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal Ministry for matters relating to floods and necessary information is being collected from them.

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